Minutes

State Board of Elections Meeting

Dakota Digital Network locations at the State Capitol, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, University of South Dakota State University, Huron Middle School, Lake Area Technical Institute & Yankton High School.

October 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order by chair Chris Nelson at 11:05 a.m. on October 4, 2006 with the following members responding:

<u>Present</u> <u>Absent</u>

Chris Nelson Gail Brock Christopher Madsen

Paula Jones Linda Lea Viken

Karen Layher Dick Casey joined at 11:10

Chad Heinrich, Deputy Secretary of State; Kea Warne, Election Supervisor; Dan Burke, HAVA Coordinator; Sue Roust, Minnehaha County Auditor; Lori Severson, Pennington County Auditor's Office; Rich Petersen, Brown and Saenger; Patty McGee, Sully County Auditor and Zack Hahn, Billion Campaign Office.

Moved by Viken and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2006 meeting. The roll being called:

Yeas 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken

Absent: Madsen & Casey

Motion Passed.

Moved by Brock and seconded to approve moving the partisan filing deadline up one week for the primary election.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Viken and seconded to add school business managers as officers who shall conduct voter registration.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Casey and seconded to add if a voter is simultaneously registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot, the ballot provided shall be based on the new registration.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Layher and seconded to amend the signature requirements for new political party candidates to be at least two hundred fifty registered voters in that party for state and federal candidates and at least five registered voters in that party for legislative and county candidates.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Viken and seconded to repeal state requirements for political parties in SDCL 12-5-1.2, 12-5-3.10, 12-5-16, 12-5-19, 12-5-23 and 12-5-24 and to clarify procedures political parties use to elect officers and fill vacancies.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Brock and seconded to clarify the filling of vacancies, other than presidential elector or statewide office, to be filled by a vote of the county party central committee members residing in the affected district.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Viken and seconded to amend earliest filing date for President or Vice President to January 1st and require the candidate's elector's party affiliation to be included on the certificate of nomination.

Yeas 5, Nays 1, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken

Nays: Casey Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Layher and seconded to amend the date for the Secretary of State to certify the candidates to the county auditor and amend the date for municipalities to certify ballot language to the county auditor to be one week earlier.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Brock and seconded to define specially trained technicians as representatives of the equipment vendor and remove the option for approval/disapproval of the list of tabulating employees by the party chairperson.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Moved by Viken and seconed to require ambulance district and rural fire protection district elections to be conducted consistent of SDCL 8-3.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey

Absent: Madsen Motion Passed.

Secretary Nelson provided a comparison of the voter identification laws of the state of Georgia and South Dakota.

Secretary Nelson explained the certification request from Mark Manganaro, State Certification Manager, Elections Systems & Sotfware, Inc. for the Automark software upgrade from the 1.0 version to the 1.1 version. Nelson stated the new version will provide an earlier detection of hardware malfunctions, change to the spit/wipe function of the ink cartridge and prevent the dropping of small, random bits of audio.

Moved by Viken and seconded to certify the AutoMARK software upgrade to the 1.1 version.

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
Yeas: Nelson; Jones; Layher; Brock; Viken & Casey
Absent: Madsen
Motion Passed.

Moved by Casey and seconded to adjourn at 1:05.	
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State	Kea Warne, Recorder